



Security Professional Education Development

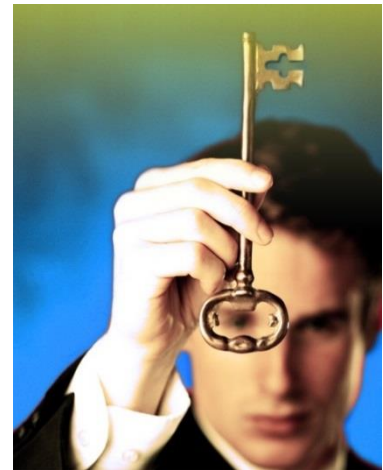
Physical Security Certification (PSC) Beta Test

What: Physical Security Certification Beta Test

DSS CDSE will be conducting a beta test for PSC. The PSC beta test is the opportunity for DoD security professionals to be the first wave in leading one of the newest Security Professional Education Development (SPeD) Specialty Certifications.

The PSC is a specialty certification associated with the SPeD Certification Program and will be the second specialty certification launched under SPeD.

The beta test will assess candidates' knowledge on such competencies as: physical security concepts; installation and physical access control; physical security for conventional arms, ammunitions, and explosives (AA&E); key, combination, and lock control; site lighting; protective barriers; security systems;; standards for storage of classified information; emergency management and emergency response; and physical security planning and plan implementation.



Why:

- Play a role in professionalizing our security workforce by assisting with development of the final production version of the certification assessment.
- Be the first in DoD to achieve this specialty certification.
- Participants who achieve a passing score, based on the final production version of the PSC assessment, will be forwarded for conferral to USD(I).

When: **Registration is open August 19 - September 24, 2013.** **Testing is September 3-30, 2013.**

Where: Any authorized Pearson VUE Testing Center in CONUS or OCONUS

Who: DoD civilians, military, and contractors. All candidates must have a minimum of two years' experience in the physical security field and meet their Component-defined training requirements.

How: You must have an active STEPP account to register for the PSC beta test. To access STEPP, please go to: <http://www.cdse.edu/stepp/index.html>. Please follow the Candidate Registration and Scheduling Instructions on the next page to get started.

Sign up for your test today!

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CANDIDATE REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PSC Beta

1. Notify your supervisor and your DoD Component SPeD Program Management Office (PMO) of your intent to participate in the SPeD Certification Program, Physical Security Certification Beta.
2. Log into (or create) your STEPP account (<http://www.cdse.edu/stepp/index.html>)
3. Go to your profile page in STEPP by selecting the profile link located on the top-right navigation bar
4. Once on the STEPP profile page, **check the box** indicating your desire to participate in the SPeD Certification Program.



5. You will receive an e-mail within 24-48 hours with a link and a verification code to your new "My SPeD Certification" (MSC) account. Please note the link for MSC is a non-DoD, commercial website.
6. Verify your MSC account information and create your user ID and password
7. Sign into your MSC account and click the "Complete a Form" link, located under the "Forms" header on the left hand navigation bar
8. Complete and submit the Physical Security Assessment Request Form which will appear under the "New" tab
9. You will receive an e-mail notifying you when your request has been approved by your owning DoD Component, usually within 4 business days. Click here for DoD component contacts: http://www.cdse.edu/certification/sped_contact.html
10. Follow the instructions in the e-mail to create your Pearson Vue Testing account, and schedule to sit for your assessment on a date, time, and at a test center most convenient for you.

Please note the last day to sit for the Physical Security Certification Beta Assessment is September 30, 2013. Please prepare accordingly, as the registration, approval, and scheduling process could take up to a week.

Please send questions to SPeDCert@dss.mil